

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-14 and 38-46.

1-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Original) A method of accessing a communication channel from a plurality of communication channels within a network with a mobile terminal capable of receiving at least one signal from at least one of the communications channels within the network, the method comprising:

identifying at least one communication channel that is transmitting signals receivable by the mobile terminal;

accessing a first communication channel that is transmitting at least one signal receivable by the mobile terminal;

receiving first signals from the first communications channel;

searching in the first signals for redirection information;

selecting and accessing a second communication channel from the plurality of communication channels based on the redirection information, if the redirection information is received within a first period of time; and

selecting and accessing a third communication channel if the redirection information is not received within the first period of time.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein at least one service announcement for at least one communication channel is transmitted over the second communication channel.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the second communication channel further transmits at least one service.

18. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the mobile terminal selects the second communication channel if the redirection information is received within the first period of time, and the mobile terminal is in a selectable mode.

19. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the mobile terminal selects the second communication channel if the redirection information is received within the first period of time, wherein the first period of time directly follows initializing the mobile terminal.

20. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the first period of time is determined by a number of the plurality of communication channels.

21. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the third communication channel is selected randomly from the plurality of communication channels.

22. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the redirection information is transmitted at a first interval on at least one communication channel.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein the first interval on at least one communication channel does not equal a second interval on at least one other communication channel from the plurality of communication channels, wherein the redirection information is transmitted at the second interval.

24. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein at least one communication channel is a specific frequency.

25. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the first communication channel is the second communication channel.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein at least one service is transmitted over the first communication channel.

27. (Previously Presented) A method of accessing a communications frequency from a plurality of communications frequencies within a network with a mobile terminal capable of receiving at least one signal from at least one of the communications frequencies within the network, the method comprising:

identifying at least one communication frequency that is transmitting signals receivable by the mobile terminal;

accessing a first communication frequency that is transmitting at least one signal receivable by the mobile terminal;

receiving first signals from the first communications frequency;

searching in the first signals for redirection information;

selecting and accessing a second communication frequency from the plurality of communication frequencies based on redirection information, if the redirection information is received within a first period of time; and

selecting and accessing a third communication frequency if the redirection information is not received within the first period of time.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein at least one service announcement for at least one communication frequency is transmitted over the second communication frequency.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the second communication frequency further transmits at least one service.

30. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein the mobile terminal selects the second communication frequency if the redirection information is received within the first period of time, and the mobile terminal is in a selectable mode.

31. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein the mobile terminal selects the second communication frequency if the redirection information is received within the first period of time, wherein the first period of time directly follows initializing the mobile terminal.

32. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein the first period of time is determined by a number of the plurality of communication channels.

33. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein the third communication frequency is selected randomly from the plurality of communication frequencies.

34. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein the redirection information is transmitted at a first interval on at least one communication frequency.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the first interval on at least one communication frequency does not equal a second interval on at least one other communication frequency from the plurality of communication frequencies, wherein the redirection information is transmitted at the second interval.

36. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein the first communication frequency is the second communication frequency.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein at least one service is transmitted over the first communication channel.

38-46. (Cancelled)

47. (Previously Presented) An article of manufacture, comprising:

a computer readable medium including instructions for:

identifying at least one communication channel that is transmitting signals receivable by the mobile terminal;

accessing a first communication channel that is transmitting at least one signal receivable by the mobile terminal;

receiving first signals from the first communications channel;

searching in the first signals for redirection information;

selecting and accessing a second communication channel from a plurality of communication channels based on the redirection information, if the redirection information is received within a first period of time; and

selecting and accessing a third communication channel if the redirection information is not received within the first period of time.

48. (Previously Presented) An article of manufacture, comprising:

a computer readable medium including instructions for:

identifying at least one communication frequency that is transmitting signals receivable by the mobile terminal;

accessing a first communication frequency that is transmitting at least one signal receivable by the mobile terminal;

receiving first signals from the first communications frequency;

searching in the first signals for redirection information;

selecting and accessing a second communication frequency from a plurality of communication frequencies based on redirection information, if the redirection information is received within a first period of time; and

selecting and accessing a third communication frequency if the redirection information is not received within the first period of time.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the first period of time is specified by a user of the mobile terminal.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the first time period is established in the mobile terminal at a time of manufacture.

51. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the second communication channel includes a service announcement identifying a service transmitted on the first communication channel.

52. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising:

searching on the third communication channel for redirection information identifying a communication channel on which a service announcement identifying a service transmitted on the first communication channel is located.

53. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the second communication frequency includes a service announcement identifying a service transmitted on the first communication frequency.

54. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising:

searching on the third communication frequency for redirection information identifying a communication frequency on which a service announcement identifying a service transmitted on the first communication frequency is located.

55. (New) An apparatus, comprising:

a memory device storing a program; and

a processor configured to communicate with the memory device, the processor operable with the program to:

identify at least one communication channel that is transmitting signals receivable by a mobile terminal;

access a first communication channel that is transmitting at least one signal receivable by the mobile terminal;

receive first signals on the first communication channel;

search in the first signals for redirection information;

select and access a second communication channel from a plurality of communication channels based on the redirection information, if the redirection information is received within a first period of time; and

select and access a third communication channel if the redirection information is not received within the first period of time.

56. (New) The apparatus of claim 55, wherein at least one service announcement for at least one communication channel is transmitted over the second communication channel.

57. (New) The apparatus of claim 56, wherein the second communication channel further transmits at least one service.

58. (New) The apparatus of claim 55, wherein the processor is operable with the program to select the second communication channel if the redirection information is received within the first period of time, and the mobile terminal is in a selectable mode.

59. (New) The apparatus of claim 55, wherein the processor is operable with the program to select the second communication channel if the redirection information is received within the first period of time, wherein the first period of time directly follows initializing the mobile terminal.

60. (New) The apparatus of claim 55, wherein the first period of time is determined by a number of the plurality of communication channels.

61. (New) The apparatus of claim 55, wherein the third communication channel is selected randomly from the plurality of communication channels.

62. (New) The apparatus of claim 55, wherein the redirection information is transmitted at a first interval on at least one communication channel.

63. (New) The apparatus of claim 62, wherein the first interval on at least one communication channel does not equal a second interval on at least one other communication channel from the plurality of communication channels, wherein the redirection information is transmitted at the second interval.

64. (New) The apparatus of claim 55, wherein at least one communication channel is a specific frequency.

65. (New) The apparatus of claim 55, wherein the first communication channel is the second communication channel.

66. (New) The apparatus of claim 55, wherein at least one service is transmitted over the first communication channel.

67. (New) The apparatus of claim 55, wherein the first period of time is specified by a user of the mobile terminal.

68. (New) The apparatus of claim 55, wherein the first time period is established in the mobile terminal at a time of manufacture.

69. (New) The apparatus of claim 55, wherein the second communication channel includes a service announcement identifying a service transmitted on the first communication channel.

70. (New) The apparatus of claim 55, wherein the processor is further operable with the program to:

search on the third communication channel for redirection information identifying a communication channel on which a service announcement identifying a service transmitted on the first communication channel is located.

71. (New) An apparatus, comprising:

a memory device storing a program; and

a processor configured to communicate with the memory device, the processor operable with the program to:

identify at least one communication frequency that is transmitting signals receivable by a mobile terminal;

access a first communication frequency that is transmitting at least one signal receivable by the mobile terminal;

receive first signals on the first communication frequency;

search in the first signals for redirection information;

select and access a second communication frequency from the plurality of communication frequencies based on redirection information, if the redirection information is received within a first period of time; and

select and access a third communication frequency if the redirection information is not received within the first period of time.

72. (New) The apparatus of claim 71, wherein at least one service announcement for at least one communication frequency is transmitted over the second communication frequency.

73. (New) The apparatus of claim 72, wherein the second communication frequency further transmits at least one service.

74. (New) The apparatus of claim 71, wherein the processor is further operable with the program to select the second communication frequency if the redirection information is received within the first period of time, and the mobile terminal is in a selectable mode.

75. (New) The apparatus of claim 71, wherein the processor is further operable with the program to select the second communication frequency if the redirection information is received within the first period of time, wherein the first period of time directly follows initializing the mobile terminal.

76. (New) The apparatus of claim 71, wherein the first period of time is determined by a number of the plurality of communication channels.

77. (New) The apparatus of claim 71, wherein the third communication frequency is selected randomly from the plurality of communication frequencies.

78. (New) The apparatus of claim 71, wherein the redirection information is transmitted at a first interval on at least one communication frequency.

79. (New) The apparatus of claim 78, wherein the first interval on at least one communication frequency does not equal a second interval on at least one other communication frequency from the plurality of communication frequencies, wherein the redirection information is transmitted at the second interval.

80. (New) The apparatus of claim 71, wherein the first communication frequency is the second communication frequency.

81. (New) The apparatus of claim 71, wherein at least one service is transmitted over the first communication channel.

82. (New) The apparatus of claim 71, wherein the second communication frequency includes a service announcement identifying a service transmitted on the first communication frequency.

83. (New) The apparatus of claim 71, wherein the processor is further operable with the program to:

search on the third communication frequency for redirection information identifying a communication frequency on which a service announcement identifying a service transmitted on the first communication frequency is located.

84. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 47, wherein the second communication channel includes a service announcement identifying a service transmitted on the first communication channel.

85. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 47, the computer readable medium further including instructions for:

searching on the third communication channel for redirection information identifying a communication channel on which a service announcement identifying a service transmitted on the first communication channel is located.

86. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 48, wherein the second communication frequency includes a service announcement identifying a service transmitted on the first communication frequency.

87. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 48, the computer readable medium further including instructions for:

searching on the third communication frequency for redirection information identifying a communication frequency on which a service announcement identifying a service transmitted on the first communication frequency is located.